



# Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 7:00 pm

**Andover Green Advisory Board**

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**Joyce Losick-Yank**

**Anil Navkal**

**Amy Latva-Kokko**

**Maria Bartlett**

**Jon Unger**

**Harry Voorhees**

**Elizabeth Rasmussen**

**Kate Connolly (community engagement volunteer from BU)**

1. Town Meeting Warrant Articles:
  - a. CCA (Community Choice Aggregation)
    - i. Had public meetings to inform community
    - ii. Planning on having more public meetings before Town Meeting, especially to reach people who can't attend usual meeting times
    - iii. Other towns are combining efforts in an attempt to aggregate green energy
    - iv. Researcher from UMass Amherst, studying why communities are pursuing CCA. She was impressed with the Andover CCA website.
  - b. HMD RFP (Historic Mill District, Request for Proposals)
  - c. Solar Bylaws
  - d. Land swap for Conservation Commission at Bald Hill

2. AGAB members term expirations coming up on June 30th

Melanie, Zona and Anil's memberships will be renewed for the next 3 years.

3. Melanie stepping down as Chair, election of new chair
  - a. Unanimously approved Amy Latva-Kokko as new Chair of the AGAB
4. AHS ESIC (Environmental Sustainability Internship Course) internship / mentor project ideas for next school year
  - a. Pesticide-reduction issue (Ocean River Institute, Blue Sky Over Massachusetts). Make your lawn sequester carbon. Grant?
  - b. Green architecture
  - c. [3-4 interns working with Anil]
  - d. Dan Green Carbon Zero Home webinar - downloadable book. MA Interfaith Power and Light. Student could work to get the information on the website.
  - e. Jon - outdoor, MRWC water quality. John McKone
  - f. Brad - many different town projects
  - g. Documentary on geothermal heating (October)
  - h. CCA intern?
  - i. Xeriscaping and native plantings

5. BU-AHS partnership program activity (Anil) - [link](#)

Intern Kate Connolly , PhD Candidate at BU, Dept. of Environmental Health and BU Urban Program

Would like to work with Janet and town on Sustainability Issues (needs 80 hours). Studies IAQ and building energy, background in GIS, epidemiology, working with Energize Andover on CO2 and temperature at AHS.

Connect Kate Connolly with School Reopening Task Force [clconn@bu.edu](mailto:clconn@bu.edu)

6. Andover Pesticide Reduction Policy, TURI grants, possibly adding AGAB member(s) to Health Department Pesticide Reduction Task Force - Maria

2003 - Town wrote the Pesticide Reduction Policy. Maria was on the committee. Policy was approved by the Board of Health. It was updated in August 2017. Major changes

substituted phrases “less toxic” and “Integrated Pest Management” for what originally said “natural” and “organic.”

Toxic Use Reduction Institute (TURI) from UMass Lowell. Research and education on toxic substances. Award grants to communities / schools to help with toxic reduction projects. Submit an application to try to reduce Pesticide Reduction in Andover. Could a student help with grant writing? TURI grant deadline was June 22. Fliers?

Talk to Paul Sanborn, Superintendent of Grounds to ask what town is doing in terms of Pesticide Reduction Policy.

#### 7. Other business?

Webinar - GHG inventory. Joyce would like to inventory our GHG emissions for Andover. Then, we can use that information to put together a Climate Action Plan. Google now has their own method of estimating GHG emissions based on their data. Have released a beta version of EIE.

Public folder for this AGAB meeting: <https://bit.ly/GAB-20200624>

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